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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not weaken the 1996 Telecommunications Act's provision to protect competitive access for individuals to smaller telecom carriers.

I have home broadband service from one of these carriers and enjoy better pricing and service as a result. The predominant carrier in my area is known nationwide for poor customer service and predatory pricing. I do not wish to be forced to become their customer.

Reduced competition inevitably leads to higher prices and weakened service, as well as removing incentives to compete in technology.

The FCC's role includes protecting the consumer; please keep this in mind as you deliberate.

Best regards,

Michael Drayton